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Chairman Pat Miller
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, TN 37243

Re: UNE-P

05-00156

Dear Chairman Miller:

On May 19, I had filed the attached "Request for PUC Directive". At that time, I was in New Mexico and did not send in the required filing fee or duplicate copies. Subsequently, TRA called and requested these missing items.

Enclosed are one (1) original and thirteen (13) copies of TIB's Petition for "Request for a PUC Directive". Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$25.00 for the filing fee.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Kirti S. Bajwa

Kirti S. Bajwa
President

TIB is:

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May 19, 2005

Mr. Pat Miller
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Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Pkwy
Nashville, Tennessee 37243

Ref: Request for a PUC Directive

Dear Mr. Miller:

The Information Bureau, Inc. (TIB) is a small CLEC based in Eastern Tennessee. TIB has a cross connect contract with Sprint to provide us with UNE-P ISDN-PRI (PRI) lines.

We have been following the recent FCC rule changes regarding UNE-P services. In its latest ruling FCC has directed that, effective March 11, 2005, and for one year LECs must continue to provide UNE-P to CLECs.

Our LEC Sprint has informed TIB that the above FCC rule only applies to voice UNE-P (BRI) type of lines and that it does not apply to data UNE-P (PRI) type lines. Sprint therefore maintains that a CLEC like TIB must pay the regular ISDN-PRI line prices.

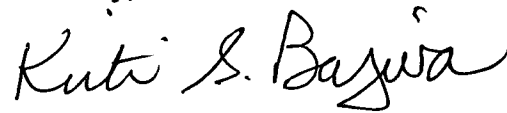
I have talked to the FCC and they have informed TIB that that is not the case. During our phone conversation, FCC attorneys further informed TIB that the entire UNE-P ruling is back in the Federal Courts and that they will withhold any further opinion or discussion until the Federal Courts decide this matter. In the meantime, FCC has asked that TIB contact the TN-TRA for help. Subsequently I talked to Mr. Carsie Mundy at the TN-TRA who confirmed that the FCC rule applies to both BRI & PRI lines.

To summarize: the FCC says that LECs like Sprint must continue to provide UNE-P services until March 11, 2006 and both the FCC and the TN-TRA verify that this ruling applies to both BRI & PRI type lines.

I therefore request that the PUC direct Sprint to continue to honor their previous contract with TIB for PRI lines until there is a **final** ruling from the Federal Courts and the FCC regarding UNE-P services.

For further questions and clarifications, please feel free to contact me

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kirti S. Bajwa". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kirti S. Bajwa
President

Copy: Marta Hinojosa, Sprint